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FOR AMBASSADOR HELMS FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY FROM
SECRETARY KISSINGER TO HIS MAJESTY KING HUSSEIN:

YOUR MAJESTY:

JOE SISCO AND GEORGE BROWN, CHAIRMAN OF OUR JOINT CHIEFS
OF STAFF, HAD A FURTHER LONG AND INTENSIVE THREE-HOUR
DISCUSSION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU TO SELL
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THE AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THEY HAVE REPORTED THAT YOU

HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THE COMMITTEE AND A NUMBER OF THEM ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO TAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS. THE CONSENSUS IN THE COMMITTEE NOW IS THAT IF A RESOLUTION WERE TO GET ON THE SENATE FLOOR NOW, THE SALE WOULD BE DISAPPROVED. THEREFORE, A NUMBER OF YOUR FRIENDS ON THE COMMITTEE HAVE MADE A SUGGESTION, WHICH WILL GIVE THEM AND US MORE TIME TO ACHIEVE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION IN OUR CONGRESS, DESPITE THE ACTION OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

YESTERDAY DISAPPROVING THE SALE.

I HAVE ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO DELAY ACTION UNTIL MONDAY SO I COULD DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH YOU, TO ASSURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IS INVOLVED, AND TO GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE ME ANY VIEWS YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY. THE PROCEDURE IS A SIMPLE ONE: WE WOULD CONTINUE THE LETTERS OF OFFER UNCHANGED (14 HAWK BATTERIES AND 100 VULCAN GUNS WHICH WE HAVE AGREED ON) BEFORE THE CONGRESS BY RESUBMITTING THEM AT THEIR EXPIRATION DATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF 40 DAYS. THIS WILL ALLOW THE CONGRESS TO HAVE ITS RECESS IN AUGUST AND FOR US TO WORK HARD WITH THEM FOR A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME.

I AM ALSO ASKING TOM PICKERING TO RETURN TO AMMAN THIS EVENING SO THAT HE CAN BE THERE THIS WEEKEND. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONGRESS AND CAN EXPLAIN TO YOU IN MORE DETAIL THE SITUATION THERE.

WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY A KISSINGER. KISSINGER UNQTE INGERSOLL

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